**PATENT** 

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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